PTO/SB/08a (07-09) Approved for use through 07/31/2012. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, he persons are required THADEN Substitute for form 1449/PTO

Sheet

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Complete if Known Application Number 10/539,114 Filing Date February 2, 2006 First Named Inventor Dietmar Spanke Art Unit 2856 R.T. Frank **Examiner Name** SPAN3007/FJD Attorney Docket Number

_	- Cit.	D	U. S. PATENT D	Name of Patentee or	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Applicant of Cited Document	Relevant Passages or Relevant
		Number-Kind Code ^{2 (# known)}			Figures Appear
		^{US-} 4,551,719	3/7/1983		
		^{US-} 4,793,178	4/13/1987		
		^{US-} 4,853,694	<u> </u>		
		US-			
	1	US-			
		US-			
		US-			
•	 	US-			
	1	US-	-		**
	 	US-			
	 	US-			
	1	US-	 		
	 -	US-			
	 	US-			
	 	US-	 		
	_	US-	 		-

		FOREI	GN PATENT DOCU	MENTS		
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages	
		Country Code ³ "Number ⁴ "Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	MM-DD-YYYY		Or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		DE04223346	5/2/1996			<u> </u>
		DE10163635	10/2/2003			
		DE19514201	4/17/1997			1
		EP00979998	2/16/2000			
		DE3337690	4/25/1985			<u> </u>

Examiner	 Date	
Signature	Considered	
Olgitaturo		

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. Senter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.